

TREATIES.—Randolph seems to have hit upon the true theory of our Constitution, that when a treaty is made, involving matters confided by the Constitution to the three branches of the Legislature conjointly, the Representatives are as free as the iPresident and Senate were to> consider whether the national interest requires or forbids their giving the forms and force of law to the articles over which they have a power. (To William Giles, 1795. F. VII., 41-)

TREATIES.—We cannot too distinctly detach ourselves from the European system, which is essentially belligerent, nor too sedulously cultivate an American system, essentially pacific. But if we go into commercial treaties at all, they should be with all, at the same time, with whom we have important commercial relations. France, Spain, Portugal, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Russia, all should proceed *pan passu*. Our ministers marching in phalanx on the same line, and intercommunicating freely, each will be supported by the weight of the whole mass, and the facility with which the other nations will agree to equal terms of intercourse, will discountenance the selfish higgings of England, or justify our rejection of them. Perhaps, with all of them, it would be best to have but the single article *gentis amicissimae*, leaving everything else to the usages and courtesies of civilized nations. (To James, Madison, 1814. C. VI., 4530)

TRUTH.—Truth will do well enough if left to shift for herself. She seldom has received much aid from the power of great men to whom she is rarely known and seldom welcome. She has. no need of force to procure entrance into the minds of men. Error indeed has often prevailed by the assistance of power or force. Truth is the proper and sufficient antagonist to error. (From "Notes on Religion," 1776. F. II., 102)

TRUTH.—Truth is great and will prevail if left to herself; she is¹ the proper and sufficient antagonist to error, and has nothing: to fear from the conflict unless by human interposition disarmed of her natural weapons—free argument and debate; error ceasing to be dangerous when it is permitted freely to contra-